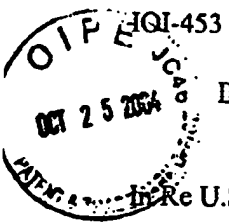


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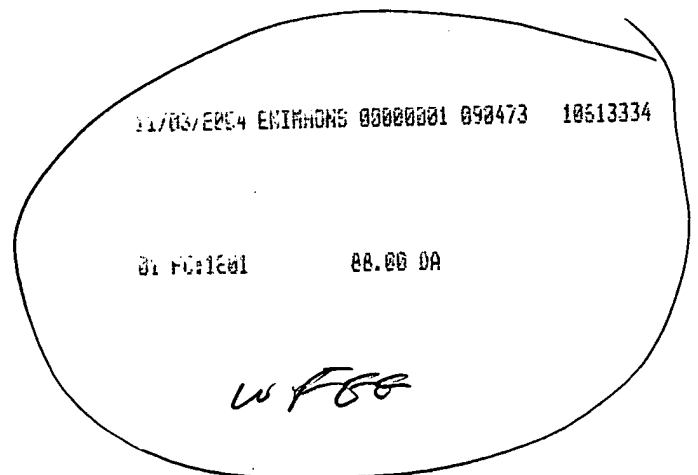
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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed October 4, 2004, please amend the Application as follows:



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